



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-3077

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Voting Members:

Joey Manahan, Chair
Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice Chair
Ikaika Anderson
Brandon J.C. Elefante
Ron Menor

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
2ND FLOOR, HONOLULU HALE
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

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CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Committee on Transportation was called to order by Committee Chair Joey Manahan at 1:08 p.m. Voting Members Anderson, Elefante, Menor, and Pine were present at the meeting.

STAFF PRESENT

Dinna Schwiering, Legislative Aide to Committee Chair Manahan
Doug Chun, Analyst, Office of Council Services
Sharon Brooks, Attorney, Office of Council Services
Kathleen Kelly, Deputy, Department of the Corporation Counsel, assigned to the Committee
Darcie Nago, Council Committee Aide, Office of the City Clerk

ORDER OF BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 24, 2018 meeting of the Committee on Transportation were approved as circulated.

AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MANAHAN – 3.
NOES: None.
EXCUSED: MENOR, PINE – 2.

FOR ACTION

1. BILL 8 (2018), CD1

RELATING TO BUSES. Setting pollution control requirements for certain City buses.

The following amendment was posted on the agenda:

PROPOSED CD2 TO BILL 8 (2018), CD1 (Submitted by Councilmember Manahan)
– The CD2 (OCS2018-0618/6/22/2018 7:56 AM) makes the following amendments:

- A. Moves the exemption from the zero-emission requirement in the last sentence in proposed new ROH Section 13-6.__(b) to subsection (c) as new subdivision (1), since subsection (c) deals with exemptions. Designates the existing exemption in subsection (c) for paratransit vehicles as subdivision (2).
- B. Replaces the term "paratransit vehicles" in proposed new ROH Section 13-6.__(c)(2) with "vehicles providing special transit services pursuant to Article 4" because there is no definition for "paratransit vehicles" in ROH Chapter 13, and for consistency with the provisions of Chapter 13 governing special transit services. (ROH Section 13-1.1 contains a definition for "special transit service vehicle," but that term has not been used because it is limited to City-owned vehicles.)
- C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Administration/Others

Wes Frysztacki, Director, Department of Transportation Services
Kathleen Kelly, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Department of the Corporation Counsel

Director Frysztacki spoke in support of the Bill and stated that an estimated \$100 million per year in local monies would be needed, starting in the next budget cycle, for 300 zero-emission buses by 2025.

The following individual testified:

Barbra Armentrout (comments)

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Director Frysztacki addressed Committee Member Elefante's query, stating that it would cost an estimated \$800,000 per bus, with the 60-foot buses priced higher. The Director stated that focus has been on the vehicles and its maintenance, special equipment, inventory, and training for the new buses. He noted that electric charging capabilities are already in the process of being installed at rail stations.

Deputy Corporation Counsel Kelly offered to work with the Committee to address some of its concerns.

Committee Chair Manahan recommended deferring action to allow more work on the Bill.

Action on Bill 8 (2018), CD1 deferred.

AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MENOR, PINE, MANAHAN – 5.
NOES: None.

2. BILL 40 (2018) – COMMITTEE REPORT 241

RELATING TO THE USE OF KANEOHE BAY DRIVE. Addressing the use of certain vehicles on Kaneohe Bay Drive.

Administration/Others

Wes Frysztacki, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)
Mark Kikuchi, Chief Traffic Engineer, DTS

There was no public testimony.

Committee Member Anderson, the introducer, provided an overview of the Bill, stating that homeowners living along Kaneohe Bay Drive have difficulty obtaining permits to renovate their homes due to a vehicle weight restriction on Kaneohe Bay Drive. The ordinance was put in place because the infrastructure was not able to handle excessive weight; however, the conditions of the roadway has since been improved. The Bill would give the Department discretion in issuing permits in certain instances.

Mr. Kikuchi stated that the Department did not have any objections to the Bill and asked that "City transit vehicles" be included with "emergency vehicles."

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Committee Member Pine queried and Mr. Kikuchi clarified that the ordinance was enacted due to structural deficiencies in drainage structures that have since been corrected.

Committee Chair Manahan recommended amending the Bill to include the suggested language from the DTS and reporting it out for Council action.

Committee Member Anderson thanked the Committee members for their support on the measure.

Bill 40 (2018) amended to CD1 and reported out for second reading and scheduling of a public hearing.

AYES: ANDERSON, ELEFANTE, MENOR, PINE, MANAHAN – 5.
NOES: None.

CD1 TO BILL 40 (2018) (Submitted by Councilmember Manahan) – The CD1 (OCS2018-0649/6/29/2018 3:13 PM) makes the following amendments:

1. In Bill Section 2, amends subsection (b) by adding "nor to a city transit bus, as defined in this chapter," to the types of vehicles for which the restricted use of Kaneohe Bay Drive will not apply.
2. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

FOR DISCUSSION

3. THEBUS AND HANDIVAN FARE RECOMMENDATIONS – PRESENTED BY THE HONOLULU RATE COMMISSION.

Administration/Others

Cheryl Soon, Chairperson, Honolulu Rate Commission (Commission)
Wes Fryszacki, Director, Department of Transportation Services (DTS)

Ms. Soon provided an overview of the Commission and presented the Committee with its interim fare recommendations for TheBus and HandiVan, as detailed in Communication D-423.

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Ms. Soon addressed Committee members' queries with the following information:

- The fare recommendations for January 1, 2019 were presented at a Rate Commission meeting.
- The Commission's responsibility, pursuant to the City Charter, is to inform the DTS Director, Mayor, and the Council of its recommendations. She noted that the Commission was not a decision making body.
- TheBus fare recommendation would be a 27 percent increase.
- Social service agencies receive grants to fund transportation costs for their clients.
- A breakdown of social service agency passengers and comparative information on HandiVan rates with other municipalities of the same general makeup as Honolulu was available to the Commission.

Committee Member Pine acknowledged the Commission's ability to identify the different types of ridership and balance their recommendation.

Ms. Soon stated that the Commission's next priority would be rail, including discussion on Public Private Partnership (P3). She requested that the Committee let the Commission know of any issues that should be taken up for consideration.

Director Frysztacki thanked the Commission for its work on the matter and clarified that fare rates for rail, including P3, would remain with the Commission. He stated that all revenue from the different transportation modes would go back to the City.

Director Frysztacki addressed Committee Member Menor's queries, stating the following information:

- The vehicle measure for the Commission's recommendations is being reviewed by the Department of the Corporation Counsel and would be transmitted to the Mayor thereafter.
- The City's obligation to fund the operation and maintenance cost for rail is between \$100 million and \$120 million per year. There are different perspectives with different implications that would be discussed with the Council at a later time.

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The Director noted that there would be proposed bills submitted for the Council's consideration to improve revenue enhancement opportunities for parking, transportation network companies, and permits.

The following individuals testified:

1. Marion Kau (comments)
2. Ruby Maunakea (comments)
3. Donald Sakamoto (comments)
4. Barbra Armentrout (comments)
5. Lei Kema (comments)
6. Bryan Mick, Hawaii Disability Communication Access Board (comments)

Related communication:

D-423 Honolulu Rate Commission, transmitting its PowerPoint presentation.

4. SHARED MOBILITY IN HAWAII – PRESENTED BY SERVCO MOBILITY LAB.

Administration/Others

Casey Nishimura, Servco Pacific

There was no public testimony.

Mr. Nishimura presented the Committee with information about Hui, a car share program, as detailed in Communication M-328. He addressed Committee members' queries with the following information:

- The program currently has private partners that offer off-road parking stalls on their property.
- They hope to partner with the City government on their efforts.
- Hourly rates after the first hour may be booked in increments of 15 minutes.
- The lowest priced vehicle is the Toyota Prius for \$9.95 an hour or \$79.95 per day.

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- Gas, insurance, road side assistance, and a call center is included in the rate fees.
- There have been conversations with the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) about the program.

Committee Member Menor stated that the program could enhance rail ridership and asked that additional proposed stations be coordinated with the HART.

Related communication:

M-328 Additional Testimony.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

GLEN I. TAKAHASHI
City Clerk

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DATE APPROVED

August 30, 2018